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Richard Kessler, Area Manager  
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Dear Richard:

It has been such a pleasure doing business with you! We have shared many unique experiences that could only have occurred on McNeil Island. Together, we dealt with major deed changes, construction, tribal fishing access, mitigation, ice storms, raccoon attacks, earthquakes, dead cows, and so much more! Through it all, your knowledge and flexible approach to the range of issues have always led to a viable solution.

You have organized endless research projects and visits of interested others with no disruption to Correctional activities. You have kept me and our Shift Lieutenants apprised of wildlife concerns. You have willingly joined in training several hundred DOC staff on island wildlife issues and provided very effective planning with our designated staff liaisons.

Last, and probably the most fun, has been your continuing participation in our joint projects that use offenders to support environmental needs. With your plans, technical assistance, and distribution network, we have provided hundreds of homes for wildlife. From you also came our introduction to the Nature Conservancy, and our fescue grass project that is restoring the endangered prairie grass in the Nisqually area. I know I can count on you to help me work with your Regional Office to expand these types of projects at the Stafford Creek Corrections Center in Grays Harbor County.

Richard, you have made the island management part of my job interesting, educational, and entertaining. I will always be grateful.

Sincerely,

Jackie Campbell  
Superintendent, MICC North Complex

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cc: Jeff Koenings, Director, DFW  
Alice Payne, MICC Supt.  
Wayne Gay, MICC Marine Operations Manager  
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